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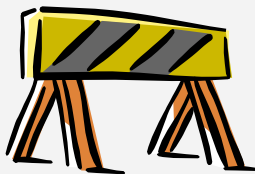
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Over the Telephone Interpreting Services for Wage Rate Interviews

This construction advisory is to provide information regarding over the telephone interpreting services. Bureau of Highway Instructional Memorandum 2008-06, *Prevailing Wage Oversight Procedures*, states: "If a language barrier is encountered, employees of the contractor or subcontractor are not to assist in language interpreting. The services of a language interpreter are available to the engineer upon request". MDOT has contracted with Bromberg & Associates for over the telephone interpreting services to assist when interviewing non English speaking workers. For field interviews you must have a cell phone with a speaker to utilize this service. The Construction and Technology Division will pay for the cost of the telephone interpretation service.

Following are the instructions for utilizing this service:

1. With the speaker on, dial 1-866-908-6137.
2. When the operator answers, provide the following information
 - a. You are calling from MDOT.
 - b. Your customer code is MDOTHDY.
 - c. The language that you need interpreted.
 - d. Your name and telephone number.
 - e. The name of your TSC, local agency or consulting firm.
3. The operator will promptly connect you with an interpreter.

Form 1156, *Minimum Wage Rate Interview Sheet*, now includes these instructions. Form 1156 is available on MDOT's forms Web site and should be used for all wage rate interviews.

Please contact the C&T prevailing wage compliance specialist at 517-322-5716 if you have any questions.